



# NEWSLETTER

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Golf Association

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*Have a Great Winter*

2 new tournaments on the 2011 schedule

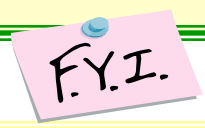


Bring a potential member on May 31st  
Bring a junior on August 2nd @ **MEGUNTICOOK**

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The Board of Directors has accepted the resignation of Diane Herring as its current Tournament Chairman/President Elect with great regret. Diane has been an asset to the association. She was behind the article published in the Lady Links Fore Golf Magazine featuring WMSGGA, she helped propose that flights be used in the upcoming Championship, and has always been readily available to listen to any of the members' concerns. The Board of Directors want to thank Diane for her contribution to Women's Maine State Golf Association and wish her the best.



*Season Over*



Change in Preferred Lies policy by the executive board.

PREFERRED LIES-In all tournaments (except State Championship and Senior Championship), you may mark, lift (by hand, not move by club), clean and place within 1 foot (12 inches) not nearer the hole, in your own fairway. The position of the ball must be marked before lifting and may be placed only once. Courses hosting Championships will determine whether to allow preferred lies or not.

Active season for posting scores in Maine ends on Oct. 31st  
You must post all winter scores played at in-season golf courses.  
So if you go to places as Arizona, Florida or the Carolinas in winter, you must post those scores.

Let's remember how fortunate we are to have the opportunity to play some of the finest courses in Maine.



Newsletter is dedicated to Janet Drouin

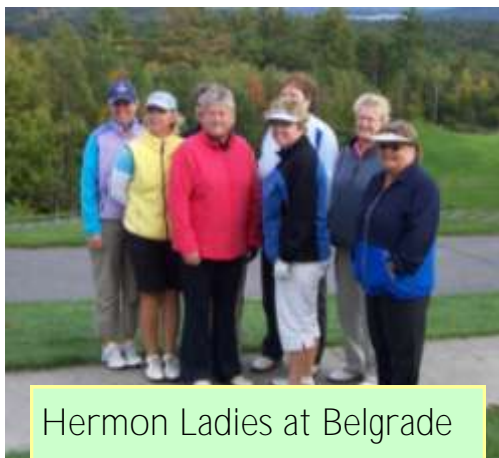


Total Prize Money = \$9,865  
 Total Points Awarded = 1,554  
 Value of POINT = \$6.35

Good Golfing!

1 <sup>st</sup> Low Gross Average	Leslie Guenther	77.14
2 <sup>nd</sup> Low Gross Average	Liz Coffin	77.71
3 <sup>rd</sup> Low Gross Average	Kristin Kannegieser	78.43
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1 <sup>st</sup> Low Net Average	Rebecca Laliberte	67.57
2 <sup>nd</sup> Low Net Average	Norma Michaud	68.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Low Net Average	Jean Cassidy	68.29

Most Improved  
 Jody Lyford  
 Handicap Index went from 17.6 to 12.1



Hermon Ladies at Belgrade



Great cookies!



# EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

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Slow play has been a topic of concern.  
See [page 14](#) for ideas how to help this issue.



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Attention Club Reps! Please print and post the newsletter at your club.



### 2011 Tentative Schedule

Date	Site	Event/Info	Type	Carts	Open	Close
<b>May 3</b>	<b>ROCKLAND</b>	<b>RYDER CUP</b>	<b>TT/8</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>Apr 15</b>	<b>Apr 19</b>
<b>May 10</b>	<b>BOOTHBAY</b>	<b>SPRING BB OF 2</b>	<b>TT/7:30</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Apr 22</b>	<b>Apr 26</b>
May 17	Martindale		TT/8	M	Apr 29	May 3
May 24	Portland	<i>Limited to 120</i>	TT/7:30	O	May 6	May 10
May 24	The Meadows		SG/9	O	May 6	May 10
May 31	Searsport Pines (9)	<i>Bring a new potential member</i>	SG/9	O	May 13	May 17
May 31	Sheepscot Links (9)	<i>Bring a new potential member</i>	SG/9	O	May 13	May 17
June 7	Spring Meadows		TT/7:30	M	May 20	May 24
June 7	Northeast Harbor		SG/9	O	May 20	May 24
June 14	Springbrook		TT/8	O	May 27	May 31
June 14	Sunday River		TT/7:30	M	May 27	May 31
June 21	Turner Highlands		SG/9	M	June 3	June 7
June 21	Toddy Brook		SG/9	R	June 3	June 7
<b>June 22 &amp; 23</b>	<b>KILLINGTON, VT</b>	<b>TRI-STATE</b>	<b>TT</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Apr 15</b>	<b>May 1</b>
<b>June 28</b>	<b>BRUNSWICK</b>	<b>SUMMER BB OF 2</b>	<b>TT/7:30</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>June 10</b>	<b>June 14</b>
<b>June 28</b>	<b>HERMON MEADOW</b>	<b>SENIORS 50+</b>	<b>TT/7:30</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>June 10</b>	<b>June 14</b>
July 5	Dexter (9)		SG/9	R	June 17	June 21
July 5	Northport (9)	<i>Limited to 20 carts</i>	SG/9	O	June 17	June 21
<b>July 11 or 12</b>	<b>BATH</b>	<b>METROPOLITAN</b>	<b>TT/7:30</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>June 24</b>	<b>June 28</b>
<b>July 18,19, 20</b>	<b>KENSINGTON, CT</b>	<b>NEWGA</b>	~	~	~	~
July 19	Val Halla		SG/9	O	July 1	July 5
July 19	Jato Highlands		SG/9	M	July 1	July 5
July 26	Lakewood		SG/9	O	July 8	July 12
July 26	Rocky Knoll		SG/9	R	July 8	July 12
Aug 2	Countryview (9)		SG/9	O	July 15	July 19
Aug 2	<b>MEGUNTICOOK (9)</b>	<i>Bring a Junior Day</i>	SG/9	O	July 15	July 19
<b>Aug 8, 9 &amp; 10</b>	<b>PENOBSCOT VAL-LEY</b>	<b>STATE CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	<b>TT/7:30</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>July 8</b>	<b>July 19</b>
<b>Aug 16</b>	<b>NATANIS (Arrow)</b>	<b>JANET DROUIN MEMORIAL</b>	<b>TT</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>July 29</b>	<b>Aug 2</b>
<b>Aug 21</b>	<b>VAL HALLA</b>	<b>MSGA MIXED</b>	~	~	~	~
Aug 23	Sugarloaf		TT/8	R	Aug 5	Aug 9
Aug 23	Prospect Hill		SG/9	O	Aug 5	Aug 9
Aug 30	Bangor Muni		SG/9	O	Aug 12	Aug 16
Aug 30	Dunegrass		SG/9	M	Aug 12	Aug 16
Sept 6	Palmyra		SG/9	O	Aug 19	Aug 23
Sept 6	Fox Ridge		SG/9	M	Aug 19	Aug 23
Sept 13	J. W. Parks (9)		SG/9	O	Aug 26	Aug 30
Sept 13	Castine (9)		SG/9	O	Aug 26	Aug 30
<b>Sept 20</b>	<b>AUGUSTA</b>	<b>ANNUAL MEETING</b>	<b>SG/12</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Sept 2</b>	<b>Sept 6</b>
<b>Sept 26 or 27</b>	<b>BELGRADE LAKES</b>	<b>2 BB OF 4 (100/day)</b>	<b>SG/9</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Sept 9</b>	<b>Sept 13</b>
<b>Oct 4</b>	<b>WATERVILLE</b>	<b>FALL BB OF 2</b>	<b>SG/9</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>Sept 16</b>	<b>Sept 20</b>
<b>Oct 11</b>	<b>KEBO VALLEY</b>	<b>SCRAMBLE</b>	<b>SG/9</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Sept 23</b>	<b>Sept 27</b>

CARTS: O = Optional, R = Recommended, M = Mandatory

Tournaments in BOLD and CAPS require a special application found in the Member Handbook

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**My first year as President of Women's Maine State Golf Association has been full of adventure.**

In February, I attended the MSGA Rules Clinic. After many discussions with the officials hosting the clinic, I thought it would be great if we could have rules officials at our Championship to assist the pro on site with any rule situations. We did have rules officials for the 2010 Championship held at Bath. They were strategically placed out on the course where rule interpretations would undoubtedly be necessary. I think it helped and gave the players a better confidence in making a rules claim or asking a rules question.

We had a very successful Tri-State Tournament hosted at Waterville Country Club and the committees did a wonderful job in creating a great experience for all players.

I have had discussions with the NEWGA Chairman and will begin to form the appropriate committees as Maine will be hosting the 2012 NEWGA Tournament.

I have fielded many calls and emails with various concerns and complaints from our members and have made good use of much of the information gathered in those conversations. I have also relied on my Board of Directors for their opinions and strategies in many of these instances.

The most recent email sent to the membership for your opinions on changing the prize structure and format of the Amateur Championship has fielded many responses and has been a great way for me to gather some important opinions and different ideas without the need for a meeting and the threat on a vote for a change. It was simply meant to gather opinions and it was successful. Thank you all for your messages back.

**I look forward to serving the members of Women's Maine State Golf Association for the upcoming golf season. Please continue** to ask me questions, bring me your concerns and tell me your complaints. Everything is important and I will do my best to offer a solution.

Yours in golf,

Nancy Pratt, President

### Tri-State at Waterville Country Club June 23 and 24, 2010

Although Maine was foiled by Vermont by two points the Maine women put up a valiant fight. The weather was not what we had wished for with down pours that soaked everything one needs to play golf.

A myriad of players were required to give strokes, and found it difficult to win a hole when their opponent was playing par golf too. With a little more luck Maine could have retained their title.

The employees of the Waterville Country Club were most welcoming and anxious to meet the needs of all the golfers. The course was in above reproach shape, and many positive comments were heard throughout the duration of the championship.

In 2011 the championship will be held at Green Mountain in Killington, VT. Maine's team will be looking forward to bringing back the plaque once again.

Final scores were: VT 141, ME 139 and NH 125. An exemplary high light was Cecily Whiting getting a hole-in-one on the sixth hole!

Many thanks to all the Maine women who concurred to be on the team.

Helen D. Plourd, Captain

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Report of the Administrative Assistant  
 Annual Meeting of WMSGGA  
 Penobscot Valley Country Club  
 Tuesday, September 21, 2010

Today is the unofficial wrap up of the 2010 WMSGGA tournament season and there have been some high points and some low points. First high point, the weather was spectacular!!! I jinxed Goose River, I think, by commenting a couple of weeks ago that we had had no tournaments rained out. Sorry, Goose Girls, I should have zipped lip!!

Total individual membership this year was 376 (including 4 Juniors). That was down from 397 (including 5 Juniors) from 2009. This year we lost 75 members who did not rejoin and in 2009 we lost 62. On a more positive side, we enrolled 51 new members this year and 56 new members in 2009.

Total club membership was at 77 and that was down from 78 last year. Courses that we lost were: Apple Valley, Great Chegeague, J.W. Parks, and Naples. However, we did add three courses: Grindstone, Maple Lane and Megunticook!

Totaling all players for all the tournaments, play was down a bit. We had 2,152 players in 2010 and 2,542 players in 2009. No one played more tournaments than Sue Wootton, who played in 19 tournaments this summer! There are lots of reasons for a decrease in play: economy, gas prices, and an aging membership! We had 143 ladies play in 7 or more tournaments!!

We instituted skins in the regular season tournaments and that resulted in 85 people winning skins vouchers. The low value for a skin was \$1.29 at Sanford and the high value was \$24.30 twice at Turner Highlands and Webhannet! So skins is really a gamble!

**A reminder that vouchers for today's tournament and the remaining team events will be mailed to you shortly after October 12<sup>th</sup>.** Vouchers for the regular season that I am not able to distribute today, will be mailed to you asap. Also, if you have won any pins at any of our tournaments, those winnings are credit at the host pro shop not WMSGGA vouchers and most clubs do not carry credit over to the next year, so be sure to contact the clubs for your winnings before the end of the season.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jean W. Young*

Budget Committee Report 2010 WMSGGA

Helen D. Plourd, Chair  
 Shirley Kile  
 Trudy Dorval  
 Madeline Kilmister

Trying to balance a budget can be equated to a clothier trying to guess a year ahead what the public will purchase. Once again the committee has managed to stay within the proposed budget with the assistance **of members continuing to play every Tuesday. Also, the "skins" have** been a new source of income that has proven to be popular.

The committee would like to thank all the support that WMSGGA members give to WMSGGA week after week, since without play on Tuesdays our association would not be meeting the proposed budget.

May you all have a healthy winter.

Helen

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## 2010 TOURNAMENT REPORT

I hope everyone has enjoyed this year's 2010 Tournament Schedule. If you haven't, I didn't prepare it; I inherited it. If you have, I'm pleased and will share your praises with your previous Tournament Chair, now President, Nancy Pratt.

I have finished preparing the 2011 Tournament Schedule. This was my first year of scheduling tournaments, making contact with course Managers and Golf Pros, re-contacting Managers and Pros, following up with Managers and Pros, trying to persuade them to sign and return the contracts, begging and pleading for return of the contracts and finally physically going and picking up the signed contracts. What a wonderful opportunity to meet people in the golf industry and interact with the cogs that make the wheel turn.

After enjoying all of the activity mentioned above, I finally rolled it into its final form, the 2011 Schedule that will be presented at the 2010 Annual Meeting. As I frolicked through the paperwork, and detached the phone from my cauliflower-like ear, I had visions of smiling faces, nodding heads, anticipatory "oohs" and "aahs", and the joyous sound of a room full of happy, contented, satisfied, and grateful women, reviewing the new 2011 schedule at the PVCC Annual Meeting. Let us not disappoint the new Tournament Chair!!!!!!

On a more serious note, it truly has been a pleasure to serve as Tournament Chair, President Elect this year. I've tried to "learn the ropes" very quickly, and have had a few bumps and bruises. Nothing serious, however, and I'm in hopes that the schedule will have "a little something for everyone" and takes into consideration some of the previous comments and complaints that have been aired. Some of the more common grumbings have been too many Tee Time tournaments, as opposed to Shotgun starts. I really did try, very hard, to convince courses to give us Shotgun starts, with the exception of some of the tournaments that lend themselves to tee times due to the remote nature of the course (in the mountains) or the nature of the event (large numbers of golfers that couldn't logistically be served by a Shotgun start). Some courses prefer tee times as "their way of doing business" when scheduling tournaments at their facilities, and we, as a group, must be understanding and considerate of their preferences, given our opportunity to play at these courses for a very nominal fee. The other criticism has been the number of golf courses on the schedule that are "down South". I tried to limit the number of "Southern courses" after the initial "kick-off" in May, when the Southern courses typically are a bit ahead of the central and northern courses (weather-wise). That being said, it is necessary to take advantage of the support of all the courses that provide us with tournament dates, some being "farther south" than others. There simply are not enough "northern courses" to accommodate our schedule if we want to play from May through mid-October. "Eliminating" southern courses from our schedule would limit our opportunities to play great quality courses that most of us don't have an opportunity to play, otherwise. Please remember to be gracious and voice your appreciation to the courses that continue to support the WMSGGA. (Sorry about not getting Samoset for the Ryder Cup in 2011. They had a commitment problem due to anticipated major construction next spring at their course. Fortunately, Keenan, at Rockland stepped up to the plate, and I'm sure we will have a fabulous Ryder Cup event at that location.)

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Herring, Tournament Chair

## 2010 Rating Committee Report

This has been an extremely busy year for the WMSGGA rating committee.

I received word in December of 2009 that USGA would be converting to a whole new computer rating program. All of our past rating information would need to be updated and coordinated with MSGA. I was given a target date of January 30<sup>th</sup> to complete the monumental task of reviewing all of our rating files, checking and double checking with Romeo Laberge at MSGA to be certain that he and I agreed on all matters, and forwarding all of our rating data to USGA for their review. I also had to coordinate with SMWGA to be certain that there were no duplications between our associations. Decisions had to be made as to which association would assume responsibility for clubs which were members of WMSGGA as well as SMWGA.

USGA began on line training sessions for the new program in February with a goal of having us fully incorporated into their system by April 1<sup>st</sup>. I am very pleased to report that we met our deadline and I did not cause the whole USGA system to crash.

We added three new members to our team this year, Birdie Pearse, Janice Ogier and Sheila Campbell.

We were invited to participate in a USGA sponsored rating seminar at Val Halla in April. Six of our members attended the seminar which proved to be very informative for our new members and a good update and review for our experienced raters.

We performed six on course ratings this year, Penobscot Valley, Dexter Municipal, Jato Highlands, Maple Lane, Pine Hill and The Meadows. **We also calculated a women's rating for Herman Meadow's white tees.** We are planning to rate the Tomahawk course at Natanis this fall if their schedule permits.

I have also been pleased to see the interest expressed from several of our members this year in how ratings are performed. Your questions are always welcome and I will answer e-mails as rapidly as time permits.

My thanks to all committee members who gave of their time to assist me this season,

**With a special "THANK YOU" to Rona Backstrom who accompanied me on every rating and graciously helped in the training of our new members.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Phyllis M. Gaul, Rating Chair



## GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

FOR WMSGGA ANNUAL MEETING 9/21/10

As chair of the Grievance Committee for the WMSGGA, I am pleased to report no issues were brought to our attention for review and/or investigation for the past golfing season.

Thank you.

*Peg Buchanan*

**Peg Buchanan**  
Chair, Grievance Committee



## Junior Committee Chairs Report

After a couple of years of talk, we will finally have a senior-junior event. A senior WMSGGA member will invite a junior who has some experience on the golf course to a scramble event. The purpose is to encourage young girls who may have some interest in golf develop an active role in participating in WMSGGA events. Di Herring was able to schedule this event at Megunticook. More details will follow.

Submitted,

Dale Hannon  
9/2/10

## 2010 RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

We have had very few rules infractions. A lot of questions were asked and I think most of the girls who play are well informed about the rules. I urge everyone to read the decisions book over the winter or just the basic USGA rules book. It is so helpful to know the procedure of playing two balls when in doubt. I also would like to thank the MSGA for providing two rules officials for the championship in Bath this year. It was such a relief for me since I played in the tournament to have someone on site if a problem occurred.

*Respectfully submitted*

*Ilse Pfander*

**PRIZE COMMITTEE REPORT**

SEPTEMBER 21, 2010

**1. WEEKLY TOURNAMENTS**

Nothing ordered

**2. METROPOLITAN**

A Herman Meadows team won

**3. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Ordered were:

Replica-Helen Payson-pewter tray

First day low net winner-pewter tray, in memory of members who have passed away

Senior replica-pewter bowl

Junior replica-pewter cup( no juniors played this year)

Vouchers for all the winners were given, to be used in the pro shop

The traveling prizes and low net tray were engraved and the bills were sent to the treasurer, unless paid for by the winner.

**4. END OF YEAR AWARDS**

Vouchers were given to the three gross and net winners and the most improved

**5. OTHER**

Hole-in-one Stephanie Babin

Respectfully submitted

Marcia Blake

Shirley Fifield

*Dear WMSGGA members*

*I really want to thank all of you who included the address for the one you wanted me to send a card too. That really made my job much easier. Want to thank Jean (aka) Goldilocks for her help with addresses.*

*Hope you all get your flu shots early and we all enjoy a happy, healthy winter.*

*Keep in touch if you know a member who should have a card from us.*

*Respectfully submitted, JR Ogier*

## ANNUAL MEETING

PENOBSCOT VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB

366 Main Street, Orono, Maine

September 21, 2010

President Nancy Pratt called the Association meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

Roll Call: Executive Board present: President Nancy Pratt, President-Elect Diane Herring, Treasurer Madeline Kilmister, Past President Linda Pearse, Members-at-Large Denise Hennessey, Helen Plourd and Deb Wiley and Administrative Assistant Jean Young. Eighteen Clubs were represented. Eight Committee Chairs were present.

Helen Plourd moved to dispense with the reading of and to accept the minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting and the last Executive Board Meeting as written. Motion seconded by Linda Pearse. Motion passed.

Treasurer Madeline Kilmister presented a financial report that was distributed to all members present. The report included:

- An Income Statement showing total revenues of \$86,377.09 and total expenses of \$78,932.17 leaving a Net Income of \$7,444.92.
- A Balance Sheet showing total Assets of \$65,508.30 with Total Liabilities of \$22,274.19 and a Fund Balance of \$43,234.11.

These amounts were Year to Date @ August 31, 2010. Estimated for the Period 9/1-12/31/10 were Total Income of \$21,492.78 and Total Expenses of \$28,353.09 leaving a Net Income of (\$6,860.31).

**It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as written.** Motion passed.

Most Committee reports were published and distributed. In the reports, specific comments and issues were addressed by Committee Chairs. In summary:

- President Nancy Pratt reported she had a first year full of adventure. She attended a MSGA Rules Clinic and implemented having Rules Officials for the 2010 Championship at Bath, which helped the players with any rules claims or rules questions. She had a hands-on approach with communication with all members concerning complaints and new ideas in particular changing the prize structure and format of the Amateur Championship. Nancy looks forward to serving the members of WMSGGA in the upcoming golf season.
- Tournament Chair Diane Herring reported that the 2011 schedule is complete. She made sure of getting commitments with endless phone calls and sometimes person to person visits to each club. **She did her best to listen to everyone's suggestions in regards to** more shotgun starts and northern and southern courses. When courses could accommodate it was possible. She wanted to make sure the membership thank all the courses that were able to put the WMSGGA Tournaments on their schedules for next year.
- Rating Committee Chair Phyllis Gaul reported it had been a busy year. The USGA converted to a new rating program and all of the past rating information needed to be updated and coordinated with MSGA. She worked with the SMWGA and MSGA to make sure there were no duplications. The USGA had on-line training and Phyllis was able to meet the deadline of April 1<sup>st</sup> to update the system. She had three new members for her committee – Birdie Pearse, Janice Ogier and Sheila Campbell and everyone attended a rating Seminar at Val Halla in April. They rated six courses this season. Phyllis wanted to express a special thank you to Rona Backstrom who accompanied her on every rating and helped train new members.
- Prize Committee Co-Chairs Marcia Blake and Shirley Fifield reported on prizes ordered for the State Championship. End of Year Awards were vouchers given out at the Annual Meeting. Stephanie Babin and Cecily Whiting had a hole in one while playing in a WMSGGA event.
- Hospitality Chair Janice Ogier thanked people for providing her with addresses when needing to send a card. She wished everyone a happy and healthy winter, and wanted to keep in touch if any member was in need of a card.
- Grievance Committee Chair Peg Buchanan was pleased to report that there were no issues that she had to review this season.
- Budget Committee Chair Helen Plourd reported that the committee had again managed to stay within the proposed budget thanks to **revenue from members' Tuesday play as well as the new source of income from "skins"**. **She wished to thank the WMSGGA members for their weekly support.**
- Junior Chair Dale Hannon reported that at long last there would be a senior-junior event on the 2011 schedule. It will be a scramble at Me-gunticook and members are encouraged to participate by asking a junior to join them. More details will follow.

- Rules Committee Chair Ilse Pfander reported there were very few rules infractions as many people are becoming more familiar with the correct procedures. She encouraged everyone to continue to study the rule books over the winter. She also expressed thanks to the MSGA for providing two rules officials for the Championship in Bath.
- Tri-State Captain Helen Plourd reported that Maine was foiled by Vermont by two points but put up a valiant fight! The weather conditions were tough with down pours the first day. The Waterville Country Club course was in wonderful shape and the Club and employees were welcoming and accommodating to meet the needs of all the golfers. The 2011 event will be held at Green Mountain in Killington, VT and **Maine's team will be looking forward to bringing back the plaque. Final scores were VT 141, ME 139 and NH 125. A highlight** was Cecily Whiting's hole-in-one on the sixth hole!
- Administrative Assistant Jean Young reported that the high point of the season was the spectacular weather. Total individual membership was 376 down from 397 in 2009. 51 new members were enrolled this year. Club members were at 77. We lost Apple Valley, Great Chebeague, J.W. parks and Naples but added Grindstone, Maple Lane and Megunticook. Participation was a bit down perhaps due to the economy, gas prices and an aging membership. Sue Wootton played the most in 19 tournaments and 143 ladies played in 7 or more tournaments! We instituted skins in the regular season tournaments, which resulted in 85 people winning vouchers. Vouchers for the regular season not picked up at the Annual Meeting will be mailed as well as vouchers from the remaining team events shortly after October 12<sup>th</sup>. Jean also wanted to remind players who won pins to pick up their winnings at the host pro shop before the end of the season.

Unfinished Business: There was none to be discussed.

## New Business: 2 Proposals

Proposal # 1: To change the prize and award structure of the annual State Championship event for 2011 to a flighted payment format. Prizes would be awarded to the top ten gross and the top 4 or 5 in each additional flight depending on the numbers of players per flight.

Submitted by Diane Herring. Proposal moved by Denise Hennessey and seconded by Doris Borkstrom. Motion passed.

Proposal # 2: **To try again to join the 2 Maine Women's Golf Associations.**

Submitted by Micki Meggison. No action taken at this time.

There is a committee talking about the possibilities.

The Senior Championship will be decided at the Senior Tournament.

Shirley Fifield asked for an email communication survey to find out how the majority of members feel about a 2 day Championship and combining the WMSGA with the SMWGA.

Other Business:

**It was suggested to change the application to the Janet Drouin Tournament so people could send in to play together. Jean Young said she could fix that.**

Nancy Pratt talked about the slow play issue and perhaps having a ranger at each site if possible.

Using funds from the Janet Drouin Scholarship Fund the Association monetarily supported Trish Barber by paying her Association fees and Championship fees. She is now set to become the new Prize Chair. The funds also supported Whitney Hand in her quest to make it to the Futures Tour.

For the 2011 schedule it will be possible to pre-pay the fees in one lump sum for the courses members wish to play. The applications for each tournament should be sent in between the open and close dates as usual.

Year-end Prizes:

Total Prize Money = \$9,865

Total Points Awarded = 1,554

Value of Point = \$6.35

**A list of regular season vouchers and skins vouchers was distributed showing each member's winnings.**

## Low Gross Average:

1 <sup>st</sup> Leslie Guenther	77.14
2 <sup>nd</sup> Liz Coffin	77.71
3 <sup>rd</sup> Kristin Kannegeiser	78.43

## Low Net Average

1 <sup>st</sup> Rebecca Laliberte	67.57
2 <sup>nd</sup> Norma Michaud	68.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jean Cassidy	68.29

## Most Improved

Jody Lyford whose handicap Index went from 17.6 to 12.1

Ann Lang reported there were no nominations. Nancy Pratt clarified that the 1-year position currently held by Dale Hannon did need to be filled and Dale had agreed to serve in that position again.

Denise Hennessey moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:30. Helen Plourd seconded.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Wiley, Secretary Pro Tem



### We Need Your Help To Stop Unnecessary Slow Play

There is nothing more aggravating than unnecessary slow play, and it is a common courtesy to our fellow golfers to move at a decent pace. Here are some ideas that don't offend the rules of golf and will make playing more enjoyable for everyone:

<p><b>1</b> Agree on the first tee that your group will play "Ready Golf". This eliminates constant apologies for playing out of turn. Ready golf is now being played at the most prestigious clubs in the country</p>	<p><b>5</b> Somebody putt when the only person not on the green has skulled his or her ball 5-10 yards over the green. By waiting, you waste time and you put additional pressure on that player to rush to his or her ball and perhaps skull it again.</p>
<p><b>2</b> The first player to arrive at the tee (if you don't arrive simultaneously) should go ahead and hit. Par 3's could be an exception where some advantage might be gained by watching an opponent.</p>	<p><b>6</b> Unless you are in someone's line, try to putt out. It wastes a lot of time to mark, to replace your ball, line up your putt again, and then get mentally set to putt. You will putt better immediately after you have made a stroke and know the speed and line of your putt. We aren't playing for million dollar purses in our daily play.</p>
<p><b>3</b> The first player to arrive at his or her ball should play their next shot even though he or she may be ahead of some other player. We frequently see a player wait several minutes because another player's ball may be just a few yards away. Don't apologize for hitting out of turn—just hit it.</p>	<p><b>7</b> After you have hit, don't waste time putting the head cover on and putting your club away—get into the car immediately so your riding partner can go right to his or her ball. While your partner is getting ready to play, you can return your club to your bag.</p>
<p><b>4</b> The same theory should be followed on the putting green when nothing can be gained by watching the line of another's putt. There is no reason to wait on a 30 foot putt for someone else who is perhaps 33 feet away on another part of the green.</p>	<p><b>8</b> Don't mark your scorecard when it delays play. Do it when you are waiting for someone to hit.</p>

Finally . . . just use some common sense. Playing "Ready Golf" is more enjoyable and will make it more fun for everyone. Examine your own habits and ask yourself, "Am I really playing at a reasonable speed?"

Don't say things like, "What's your hurry?" or "We will just have to wait for the people ahead of us." You won't have to if they are playing "Ready Golf" too.



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